



Annual Report Ready for You!

The Cumberland River Compact packed a lot of good work into our Fiscal Year 2007-08 activities. From our watershed stakeholder activities to our sustainable development work to our 1200 rain barrels in Metro Nashville, the Compact been working hard to enhance water quality and supply to meet the needs of our streams and our communities. Please read all the details in our

hot-off-the-press Annual Report. You can review the report online or download the full report at www.CumberlandRiverCompact.org.

2009 Educational Calendar - Sneak Peek for Full-Day Workshops

The BOB and Local Officials Curriculum programs are busy putting together an outstanding roster of training opportunities this year to serve the development community and our municipal community partners. Please make plans for some or all of the following programs:

- March** **The Insand Outs ofWater Efficiency:**
WaterSense, Gray Water, WaterReuse&Green Plumbing
- May** **Economics of Green Infrastructure:**
Choices, Challenges and New MS4 Stormwater Permitting Rules
- June** **LID Sites for Sore Eyes:**
Spring Bus Tour of LowImpact Development Sites
- Sept** **Story of Sustainable Wood Products: Forest to Flooring**
- October** **LID Sites forSore Eyes:**
Fall BusTour of Low Impact Development Sites
- December** **Green Remodeling and Renovation: Why? How? And How Much?**

For regular calendar updates visit www.CumberlandRiverCompact.org and check under the "Events" Tab and "Events" Page

Board Member Spotlight:

Developer, builder and esteemed board member **Skip Lawrence**, of Lawrence Bros, LLC, was recently featured in the Tennessean. *"Business man finds his voice with environmental group"* You'll enjoy reading this article here:

(<http://www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2008812250353>)



Energy Star Renovation On the Market - Nassau

Street Home in North Nashville The outstanding "green" and affordable renovation project by Darrell Crawford in north Nashville has been completed and is now on the market. We had an outstanding "builders" open house there in mid-renovation. Those attending got to see *behind the walls* as to why this renovated 1928 home received the Energy Star Certification with significant green remodeling practices. The new MLS listing

for the house reflects these green upgrades. You can view the listing here [Buyer Full Report](#)

Contact Darrell if you want a tour of the completed project. Realtors especially can learn a lot from hearing about the details of this green and affordable renovation project. You can reach Darrell Crawford at dlcrawford1@comcast.net or 615-491-4461.



Free Public Seminar -

Green Building & High Performance Construction

Thursday, January 15, 6:00-8:00 pm at Jack Wood Hall in the Adventure Science Center - 800 Fort Negley Blvd. Nashville, TN

With power bills sky rocketing and energy efficiency ever more important, there is a knowledge gap in the market for high performance, so called "green" homes, and a need to educate consumers about what to look for when buying, building, or renovating a home. **Barry Westbrook, CIH, CSP, PE (KY), founder and owner of DocAir**, is offering a **free two hour seminar** to learn about energy efficiency, environmental quality, and everything "green" you would want in your home if you knew what to ask. The DocAir folks are experts in indoor air quality services, water drainage and rain water harvesting solutions, and energy efficiency solutions for homes and buildings. Topics covered will include 1) How to select a green contractor; 2) Why you should be willing to pay more for "green" upgrades; 3) Choices in Heating and Air Conditioning Systems; 4) Evaluating what the best insulation package is for your home; 5) Calculating a Return on Investment; and 6) How to spot "green washing". DocAir was an integral part of the team that recently achieved the first LEED "Gold" rating for an existing home in Tennessee. For more information contact Barry Westbrook at bwestbrook@docair.com, or visit www.docair.com.

BOB January and February Meetings

Please mark your 2009 calendars now for the upcoming BOB monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month 11:30 am to 1:00 pm; locations will vary so check website for details.

January Meeting Review: We had a great presentation on Development Constraints: An Environmental Perspective from Dallas Whitmill, PE from Aquaterra Engineering (www.aquaterraeng.com) We had a full house of over 30 participants at Shelby Bottoms to hear about the rigorous steps involved in Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments and construction practices for at risk development sites. He drew upon real world examples taken from the extensive full service work that Aquaterra has done throughout the Southeast region. We discussed constraints that can arise from environmental contamination, ecologically sensitive areas, threatened or endangered species, historical or archeological features; and indoor air quality concerns. All there learned a great deal about the concepts of "due diligence", "all appropriate inquiry", and the "innocent landowner defense". The bottom line for me was to be sure you do your environmental site assessment right the first time around. Dallas is available for presentations and more in-depth training programs on a variety of related topics. For further information you may contact Dallas in the Chattanooga office at dwhitmill@aquaterraeng.com or 423-499-6111

February Meeting Preview: Jonathan Woody, President of Artisan Wood, is at the forefront of sustainable wood products for residential and commercial construction. His company is a leader in fine wood products for floors, walls, cabinets and fine furniture. He goes well beyond standard practices to research and incorporate the best known "green" practices into all that he does, using low VOC and nontoxic stains and finishes and source wood from sustainably harvested forests. In his presentation on "**Sustainable Wood Products**" he will discuss the ins and outs of sustainable wood for green building and related certification credits. This will also be a slight preview of a larger, full day workshop we have planned on the "Story of Sustainable Wood Products: Forest to Flooring, Fiber and Fuel" that will take place later this year. Join us on **Thursday, February 12, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Shelby Bottoms Nature Center**. Brown bag lunches and guests are welcome!!